

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 48

Introduced by Assembly Member Gilmore
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Fuller)
(Coauthors: Senators Ashburn and Florez)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 48—Relative to the Deputy James Throne Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 48, as introduced, Gilmore. Deputy James Throne Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate State Highway Route 184, also known as Weedpatch Highway, in Kern County as the Deputy James Throne Memorial Highway. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Deputy James Throne was born on September 6,
2 1978, and grew up in the small central valley town of Shafter with
3 his parents Diane and Richard Throne, Sr., and his sister and two
4 brothers; and

5 WHEREAS, Deputy Throne graduated from Shafter High School
6 where he played football; and

7 WHEREAS, Following his high school graduation, Deputy
8 Throne worked in the Kern County oilfields; and

1 WHEREAS, Deputy Throne and his wife Amanda, married on
2 June 17, 2000, lived in Bakersfield; and

3 WHEREAS, One of the greatest joys of Deputy Throne's life
4 were his children Joshua, Alexandra, and Brandon; and

5 WHEREAS, Deputy Throne put himself through the Kern
6 County Sheriff's Department Academy, graduating in 2002,
7 because he wanted more out of his life; and

8 WHEREAS, Deputy Throne joined the Kern County Sheriff's
9 Department on February 8, 2002, as an extra help deputy; and

10 WHEREAS, Deputy Throne joined the Taft Police Department
11 in August 2003, where, within less than one year, he was assigned
12 to CAL-MMET, a multijurisdictional, specialized unit targeted at
13 street-level methamphetamine use and sales; and

14 WHEREAS, Deputy Throne's desire to excel, innate abilities,
15 and work ethic made him a very successful, trusted, and well-liked
16 member of the team; and

17 WHEREAS, Deputy Throne rejoined the Kern County Sheriff's
18 Department fulltime on September 10, 2005, where he was initially
19 assigned to the Court Services Division; and

20 WHEREAS, After completing a field training program on June
21 24, 2006, he was assigned to a patrol position at the Lamont
22 Substation, where he would spend the rest of his career and was
23 well liked and respected; and

24 WHEREAS, Because of Deputy Throne's prior experience, he
25 was able to assist his colleagues with their narcotics investigations;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, He was a team player who cared much more about
28 achieving goals than receiving credit for accomplishments; and

29 WHEREAS, Deputy Throne also served the department through
30 teaching in-service classes and defensive tactics, and as an involved
31 member of the Sheriff's Activity League; and

32 WHEREAS, He often read to children in afterschool programs
33 and presented classes on drug and gang awareness; and

34 WHEREAS, In recognition of his law enforcement capabilities
35 and contributions to his colleagues and community, the Bakersfield
36 Optimist Club honored Deputy Throne as the 2007 Officer of the
37 Year; and

38 WHEREAS, On May 23, 2008, while assisting another deputy
39 in pursuit of a suspect, Deputy Throne's patrol car was struck by
40 another deputy's patrol car; and

1 WHEREAS, Deputy Throne died at the accident scene; and
2 WHEREAS, In recognition of Deputy Throne's contributions
3 and sacrifice in serving and protecting the residents of Kern
4 County, it would be a fitting tribute to designate State Highway
5 Route 184 in Kern County as the Deputy James Throne Memorial
6 Highway; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
8 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates State
9 Highway Route 184, also known as Weedpatch Highway, in Kern
10 County as the Deputy James Throne Memorial Highway; and be
11 it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
13 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
14 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
15 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
16 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
17 further

18 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
19 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
20 author for appropriate distribution.